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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

Containing the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Friday, May 6, to Friday, May 13, 1737.

Extract of a Letter from Rome.

SIGNIOR *Furetti*, the Pope's Domeſtic Prelate, having obtain'd Leave to dig a Vineyard of his own, near *Tivoli*, among the Ruins of the Emperor *Adrian*'s Palace, mentioned by the Hiſtorian *Spartianus*; he ſet 17 Men at Work, who diſcover'd Two ſubterraneous Vaults; the Pavement was of *Moſaic* Marble, and there were ſeveral Niches in the Wall, Two of which had a couple of Statues of a ſort of Marble call'd here *Pietra di Paragone*, being a kind of Touch-Stone. They are Two CENTAURS, 4 *Roman* Feet in height, one with a Beard, and covered with the Skin of a Lyon, the other without a Beard, and with the Skin of a Tiger. They both had their Arms folded behind 'em, and their Hands faſtened by the Tails of the Skins, which hung over their Shoulders. They are Two of the fineſt Pieces in all *Europe*. On the Top of each Pedeſtal is engraved the *Greek* Word, *Aphrodiſeis*; on the Side, the Names of the Sculptors, *Ariſtias* and *Papia*, who are not mentioned in Hiſtory, tho' they as well deſerv'd to be tranſmitted to Poſterity, as *Phidias* and *Protogenes*. 'Tis ſuppos'd that *Ariſtias* carv'd the Figure of the Man, and *Papia* that of the Horſe for 'tis not conceivable how One Hand could execute both Parts to ſuch a Degree of Perfection.

----*Furetti* has but a ſmall Portion of this Ground, all the reſt belongs to the *Jeſuits*, who, on hearing of his Succeſs, began alſo to dig, and have already found the entire *Canopus* mentioned by *Spartianus*. It conſiſts of 10 Statues of the ſame ſort of Marble, which repreſent the *Egyptian* Deities, (*viz.*) *Iſis*, *Oſiris*, &c. Six of them are juſt carried to the Cabinet of the *Roman* College.

That the Cardinal de Fleury has compos'd certain Books, the Subject of which we know not exactly, but it is pretended, that the mighty Works to be ſhewn forth in the Cardinal, are levell'd againſt the Hugonets; e'en let them be what they will, his Holineſs has order'd his Eminence not to publiſh them till he receives new Orders from him. The Cardinal's Agent here, went on Friday to put his Holineſs in Mind of his Eminence's Affair, and told him how much he was inclin'd to bring his Works into Light; but all he could ſay could not obtain a Permiſſion from the Pope, to appear in the Rank of Authors.

From *Paris*, That the *French* Troops deliver'd up *Philipsburg* and Fort *Kehl* to the *Imperialiſts*, the 18th of *Feb.* after the Fortifications they had made were razed. ---- Alſo the City *Treves*, by way of Exchange for the Dutchy of *Barr*, the Inhabitants of which were diſcharg'd from the Oaths of Allegiance, which they took to the Duke of *Lorrain*: But the taking Poſſeſſion of the Dutchy of *Lorrain*, was deferr'd until the Departure of the Princeſs *Elizabeth*, for *Turin*, whoſe Marriage to the King of *Sardinia*, was fix'd for *March* the 5th.

The Fall of the late Miniſter, Monſieur *Chauvelin*, is the common Topick, in which the Cardinal has perform'd the Part of a real Stateſman. His Crimes are very flagrant, they ſay, but common enough to ſome Great Men, for which Reaſon his Puniſhment is made eaſy, being only exil'd to his own fine Palace, and to contemplate there in his curious pleaſant Garden. He is accuſed of being the principal Author of this War, which his Ambition and Avarice firſt kindled, and has ever ſince been kept alive by his Intrigues and cloſe Correſpondence with the late Don Joſeph Patinho, and afterwards with the Queen, by whom he has been well paid for his Work and Time. They lay to his Charge alſo ſome Matter of Peculation, but this being Part of his Miniſterial Character, it falls with his Employ. This Gentleman was in the open Exerciſe of his Offices the 19th at Night, diſpatch'd ſeveral of his Affairs, and gave Audience to ſeveral Foreign Miniſters; but very early the next Morning, when he was going on Buſineſs, he was ſtruck dumb with the King's Order to go immediately to his magnificent Seat of Grosbois, and read the Adventures of Rablais, but to deliver up the Seals and all his Employments. He was accordingly conducted there with an Officer and 4 Musketeers, and all his Offices at Paris, Verſailles, and elſewhere, were ſeal'd up.---- We are told, that M. Caſſini, Penſionary of the Accademy of Sciences for Aſtronomy, made a Report to his Majeſty of his Obſervations upon a Comet without any Train, but branch'd out into ſeveral Beams above the Planet Venus, between the South and the Weſt. His Majeſty, 'tis ſaid, detain'd him at Court, and by Means of Telleſcopes, examin'd along with M. Caſſini the ſaid Meteor, which Phenomenon drew every Night a great Concourſe of the Learned to the Obſervatory to denote its Figure and Revolutions. *Whether this be a Piece of Wit on the fallen Miniſter, or that there was an Appearance in the Heavens, our Letters do not inform us.*

With Reſpect to the Affairs of *Germany*, we muſt own, the Ceſſion of *Lorrain* to *France*, has made a good deal of Noiſe, and gives great Uneaſineſs to ſuch Princes as have Territories in its Neighbourhood: But we cannot conceive that a Point which has been warmly diſputed amongſt us, ought to admit of any Diſpute at all; (*viz.*) Whether the Dutchies of *Lorrain* and *Barr*, be any great Acquiſition to *France*, or not? ——————————Let us conſider how this Acquiſition may be meaſured, and the Queſtion will be anſwer'd. *France* declar'd with great Solemnity, that ſhe would never lay down her Arms till King *Staniſlaus* had Satisfaction. Satisfaction for what? The Kingdom of *Poland*, and the grand Dutchy of *Lithuania*. After a War not unproſperous on the whole, ſhe has laid down her Arms on the giving this Country to King *Staniſlaus* for Life, and the ſecuring the Sovereignty after his Demiſe to the Crown of *France* for ever. One would think it therefore of ſome Value. But as the Dutchies of *Lorrain* and *Barr* belong'd to their natural Prince before this Ceſſion; we may gueſs at their Value by the Equivalent given him, and that is no leſs than the grand Dutchy of *Tuſcany*, the firſt Principality of *Europe*. By this Ceſſion, all the reaſonable Views of the *French* Court are ſatisfy'd: And if the Duke of *Lorrain* becomes Emperor, (as in all Probability he will) his Dominions in *Italy* will be better ſecur'd, than ever his preſent *Imperial Majeſty's* were; who, a little while ago, was ſo diſtreſſed, that he had but one Place in *Italy*, and that too block'd up; but now is in Poſſeſſion not only of the *Mantuan*, and *Milaneſe*, but alſo of *Parma* and *Placentia*, the Hereditary Countries of the Queen of *Spain*. 'Tis true, *Naples* and *Sicily* are, with his Conſent, in the Hands of another Prince, but they were ſo without his Conſent, when he had nothing left but *Mantua*.

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From *Conſtantinople*, That the *Janiſſaries*, taking Advantage of the Neceſſity which the *Porte* ſtands in of their Service for the War in *Hungary*, have demanded Leave to drink Wine, that they may be the better able to ſupport the Fatigues of the Campaign. The *Muſti* has held ſeveral Aſſemblies upon the Subject, with the principal Doctors of the *Alcoran*, to examine whether ſuch a Breach of the Law of *Mahomet* can be permitted without Sin, tho' to raiſe the Spirits of the Soldiers. The *Grand Signior* refuſes to conſent to the *Ruſſians* keeping *Aſoph*, and the *Tartars* are 100,000 Strong, and repair *Precop*, with great Diligence.

From *Vienna*, *Jan.* 30. His Imperial Majeſty has named the Generals which are to command his Armies in Hungary, next Campaign, having, at the ſame time, provided for all the vacant Regiments.

Spain and *Portugal* are Friends again. And we hear the Squadron under the Command of Sir John Norris is ſhortly to return home.

From *Corſica*, That the Governour Rivarola had order'd 500 Soldiers to go out of Baſtia to burn and ſpoil the Country poſſeis'd by the Corſicans; but theſe attack'd them with greater Numbers, and getting them between Two Fires, very few had the good Fortune to eſcape, the greateſt Part remained dead on the Place, or were made Priſoners.

From *Ireland*, That in the County of Limerick, a Weather had hang'd a Sheep-ſtealer in the very Fact. He reſted his Load on a Park-Wall, the Feet ty'd together, and his Head between, and the Sheep ſpringing or ſlipping on the other Side, became the Executioner; ſomewhat like the Cuſtom in certain Countries, where Animals that have been ſtolen, are made to give Motion to a Machine of Puniſhment.

From *Briſtol*, That a Parcel of ſad Rogues infeſt that City and Parts adjacent, as villainous as any of the Traders about Weſtminſter; a Peruke Maker, of a great Family in Wales, was not only robb'd of a Sum of Money on Durdham Down, but cut, beat, and maimed in a dangerous Manner. ----- A Surgeon alſo was decoy'd into a Wood on Pretence of a Man's breaking his Leg, where he was robb'd of a conſiderable Sum; they ſtamp'd on his Breaſt and Belly, in order to diſpatch him, but coming to himſelf he crept to a Houſe, where he got Relief, and is now under the Surgeon's Hands, in hopes of a Recovery.

LONDON, *Feb.* 12.

We have an Account from ſeveral Parts abroad, of the great Devaſtations, occaſioned by Storms and Inundations, by which the Dykes of Marienburg and Elbing, in Poliſh Pruſſia, have been broken down, and a vaſt Tract of Land laid under Water. The River of Petersburg, tho' full of Ice, was ſo ſwell'd, that they were in Danger of its overflowing all the Neighbouring Country, the Waters of the Oder and Elbe being within a few Inches as high as they were laſt Summer, when all the Country was overflowed. The continual Rains about Warſaw, have ſo deluged the greateſt Part of the Town Lands, that they are afraid of a bad Harveſt, which has already enhanced the Price of Corn. --- A great Storm alſo at Warſaw, the 10th ult. did great Damage to the Roofs of the Churches and Houſes, and actually carried off that of the Town Houſe, which was cover'd with Lead. The Rivers of the Palatinate of Poſen, and the Lake Swarzenky are ſo ſwelled, that they apprehend a general Inundation. ---- At Niveet, near Bruxelles, the Tower of the Collegiate Church there was ſet on Fire by a Lightning, which alſo conſum'd ſeveral Houſes at Arendouck, near Antwerp, where the Tower, and the whole Church too, were burnt to the Ground.

We hear that the late Earl of Orkney's fine Seat at Chefden, in Buckinghamſhire, will be purchas'd by the Royal Family.

The ſaid late Earl did bequeath about 60,000 l. Sterling to his Daughter, the Counteſs of Inchiquin, and her Children, now in Ireland.

A Scheme will be laid before the Parliament, which, 'tis ſaid, will effectually prevent the running of Wool from England and Ireland to France; ſo deſtructive of that ineſtimable Branch of the Engliſh Trade, which not only drains us of our Money, but our People; the French having a Number of Emiſſaries here, who daily entice the Weavers, and other Artizans in that Buſineſs, to go over to Abeville, &c.

We hear that the learned Dr. Hody left, after the Deceaſe of his Relict, Ten Exhibitions to Wadham-College, Oxon. Theſe Exhibitions, which are to be ſeptennial, are to conſiſt of Ten Pounds per Annum each, and were intended to aſſiſt young Gentlemen, whoſe Genius diſpoſes them to the Study of the Oriental Languages. 'Tis ſaid, that the Regius Profeſſors of Greek and Hebrew in that Univerſity, and the Warden of Wadham, are the Electors; and that by the Death of Mrs. Hody, which lately happen'd, they are actually fallen to the ſaid College.

We receiv'd the following Letter from our Correſpondent in Paris, *dated* Feb. 18, *N. S.*

'A few Days ago an Appellant Prebend of a Church 'near Doway paid the laſt Debt to Nature, and was bu-'ried with the uſual Ceremonies; but the Biſhop of 'Arras being inform'd of it, immediately caus'd him to 'be taken out of his Grave, and put into the Earth again '(with his Head downwards) up to the Middle, and the 'Mould clos'd about him, leaving his Poſteriors and Legs 'forking up above Ground, to the great Scandal of the 'Spectators; and all this the zealous Biſhop did, becauſe 'the poor Prieſt had not ſubmitted to the Bull *Unigenitus*: 'But, unluckily for him, this ſcandalous and inhuman 'Action was committed in a Place that is under the Ju-'riſdiction of the Parliament of Paris, and not under that 'of the Parliament of Doway.

'The Prebend's Relations not digeſting ſo groſs an 'Affront put upon their Family, addreſs'd themſelves to 'the Parliament of Paris for Satisfaction; and laſt Friday 'that illuſtrious Body aſſembled upon the Affair, of 'which they ſent Notice to the firſt Preſident le Peletier; 'but the Preſident (who is now come over to the Court 'Party,) refus'd to go, and ſaid that the Parliament ought 'not to meet without him, and that it belong'd to him 'alone to call them together. The Parliament irritated 'at this Anſwer, immediately reſolv'd that they were a 'Parliament without him, that he was but *Primus inter 'pares*, and that they ought to make him come forthwith 'by Force; upon which he went, and after great Alter-'cations, the firſt Preſident adjourn'd them 'til Monday. 'In the Interim out comes an Arret of Council, forbidding 'the Parliament to take Cognizance of the Affair in Que-'ſtion, which, by that Arret the King reſerves to himſelf. 'Upon Publication of that Arret, the Parliament imme-'diately aſſembled again, and a Motion was made for a 'Remonſtrance to the K. upon the Evocation of that Af-'fair; but the Preſident quickly adjourn'd them, and has 'continued to do ſo from Day to Day ever ſince; ſo that 'there is a general Suſpenſion of Buſineſs in that Court. 'How this Matter will end, is now the Attention of the 'Publick.'

London, *Feb.* 25. 'Twas reported, That a Motion was made in the Houſe of P---rs, by Ld. *C-----r*, for an Addreſs, in the moſt loyal Terms, to his Majeſty, That he would pleaſe to ſettle 100,000 *l.* a Year on the Prince of Wales, out of the Civil Liſt Revenues, and alſo a like Jointure on the Princeſs as her Majeſty had when Princeſs of Wales; and that the ſaid Lord ſupported it with a moſt elegant Speech. After which, the Duke of *N---le* ſaid, he was commanded to acquaint the Houſe, that his Majeſty ſent on the 21ſt a Meſſage to his Royal Highneſs, by the Ld. Chancellor, Ld. Steward, Ld. Chamberlain, D. of *Richmond*, D. of *Argyle*, D. of *Newcaſtle*, Earl of *Pembroke*, Earl of *Scarborough*, and Ld. *Harrington*: Which Meſſage, we heard, was in Writing, and as follows:

" His Majeſty has commanded us to acquaint your Royal Highneſs in his Name, That upon your R. Highneſs's Marriage, he immediately took into his Royal Conſideration the ſettling a proper Jointure upon the Princeſs of *Wales*; but his ſudden going abroad, and his late Indiſpoſition

disposition since his Return, had hitherto retarded the Execution of these his gracious Intentions; from which short Delay his Majesty did not apprehend any Inconveniencies could arise, especially since no Application had in any Manner been made to him upon this Subject by your Royal Highness; And that his Majesty hath now given Order for settling a Jointure upon the Prince of *Wales* as far as he is enabled by Law, suitable to her high Rank and Dignity; which he will, in proper Time, lay before his Parliament, in order to be render'd certain and effectual, for the Benefit of his Royal Highness.------ The King hath further commanded us to acquaint your Royal Highness, that altho' your Royal Highness has not thought fit, by any Application to his Majesty, to desire that your Allowance of 50,000 *l. per. Ann.* which is now paid you by Monthly Payments, at the Choice of your Royal Highness, preferably to Quarterly Payments, might by his Majesty's further Grace and Favour be render'd less precarious; His Majesty, to prevent the bad Consequences which he apprehends may follow from the undutiful Measures, which his Majesty is inform'd your Royal Highness has been advised to pursue, will grant to your Royal Highness for his Majesty's Life the said 50,000 *l. per Ann.* to be issuing out of his Majesty's *Civil List* Revenues, over and above your Royal Highness's Revenues arising from the Dutchy of *Cornwall*; which his Majesty thinks a very competent Allowance, considering his numerous Issue, and the great Expences which do and must necessarily attend an honourable Provision for his whole Family.----- And that to this Message his Royal Highness return'd a verbal Answer; which, according to the best Recollection of the Lords was;----- That his Royal Highness desired the Lords to lay him with all Humility, at his Majesty's Feet; and to assure his Majesty that he had and ever should retain the utmost Duty for his Royal Person: That his Royal Highness was very thankful for any Instance of his Majesty's Goodness to him or the Princess, and particularly for his Majesty's gracious Intention of settling a Jointure upon her Royal Highness: But, that as to the Message, the Affair was now out of his Hands, and therefore he could give no Answer to it. After which his Royal Highness used many dutiful Expressions towards his Majesty, and then added, *Indeed, my Lords, it is in other Hands; I am sorry for it*, or Words to the same Effect; concluding with earnestly desiring the Lords to represent his Answer to his Majesty in the most respectful Manner.

After Debate 'til Ten at Night, the Question was put, Whether to address, &c. and passed in the *Negative*, 103 to 40. The Speakers were

For the Motion.	*Against it.*
Lord *C------t*,	Duke *N-------le*,
Earl *C-----ld*,	Lord *He --nt----n*,
Lord *G----r*,	Earl *F--nd -----r* and
Duke *B --rd*,	*S---d*,
Duke *M----gh*,	Earl *I-----y*,
Lord *B-----st*,	Earl *S---gh*,
Earl *A----rd*,	Lord C------r,
Earl *W------nd.*	Earl *Str---rd*,

London, Feb. 26. On Friday the 18th, came on at the Court of Common Pleas, before Lord Chief Justice Willes, a Cause wherein Mrs. Elizabeth Brockhurst, of the Strand, was Plaintiff, and John Dinely, of Charlton, in Worcestershire, Esq; Defendant, upon an Action for Diet, Lodging, and other Necessaries, found and provided for Mary the Defendant's Wife, (after an Elopement) when after a Tryal of above five Hours, (the Elopement being fully prov'd) the Jury in less than a quarter of an Hour found a Verdict for the Defendant, to the Satisfaction of the Court; which 'tis thought will be a sufficient Caution how Persons in the like Circumstances are trusted.

And on the next Day came on at the King's Bench, before Lord Chief Justice Hardwicke, a Tryal upon an Indictment against the said Mr. Dineley, for Subornation of Perjury, set on Foot (as 'tis said) by a certain Glocestershire Baronet, and the said Mr. Dineley's Wife; but the Prosecutors not appearing, nor being able to make out any Charge against the Defendant, he was honourably acquitted; and we hear he intends to bring his Action against the Prosecutor, for so foul and unjust an Imputation.

Of all the Wickedness perpetrated far and near, there's nothing exceeds the Accounts dispers'd about Bristol, many of which are too gross to name. Two Fellows are taken up which carry great Suspicions of committing that Robbery of the Surgeon in the Wood; nevertheless he cannot positively swear to either of them. Some Letters have been thrown over the Garden Wall of Capt. Edgley at Ham-Green, threatning Fire and Sword against Capt. Webb and Sir John Smyth, for sending Servants to search the Wood for the Authors of that Robbery, declaring that if they had known that Mr. Ballard would have made such a Stir about such a Sum as 44 l. 6 s. and 6 d. they would have taken Care to have laid him more quiet.

At Exeter one John Hayward was committed to Prison for making Money in the literal Sense: And at Sawford in Warwickshire, a Scotch Pedlar was taken out of a Pond, with his Throat cut and full of Wounds; a Fellow is taken up on Suspicion of the Murder.

Three anonymous Letters were lately sent to Mrs. Mary Wightwick in Hatton-Garden, threatning to burn down her Houses in Town and Country, and to shoot her in her Coach, unless a Sum of Money was laid upon the Corner of the Step of her Door; a Reward and Pardon is offer'd to any of the Offenders for discovering of their Accomplices. ----- Another Letter dated N. D. Feb. 9. was directed to Mr. Manning, Cooper at Execution Dock, Wapping, threatning the like Execution, if 20 Guineas were not laid in a certain Place; a Reward and Pardon is also offer'd in like Manner.

Yesterday the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chancellor sat in Lincoln's-Inn Hall for the first Time since his Advancement to that high Station, and where his Lordship will, for the future, continue so to do, to hear Causes in the Sittings after Term, and not at his House in Lincoln's-Inn Fields.

'Tis very surprizing and astonishing to hear that, notwithstanding the Act against Spirituous Liquors, so much thereof still continues to be drank, that within this Five Months past more of that Liquor, it is computed, has been drank than for any Five Months for many Years past.

On the 24th and 25th of this Month, came on at the *Old Bailey*, before the Right Worshipful Sir *Henry Penrice*, Knt. and others His Majesty's Justices, for the Jurisdiction of the *Admiralty* of *England*, the Tryals of the following Persons, *viz.*

Richard Coyle, who stands indicted on Two Indictments, the first for the Murder of his Captain, the other for Piracy. The Case was thus: The Ship *St. John Pink*, belonging to *Yarmouth*, *Benjamin Hartley*, Master, in *January* 1733, went from thence to *Leghorn*, loaden with Herrings; when they arrived there, she was employed to trade from Port to Port in the *Mediterranean*. On the 25th of *August*, 1735, the Master of this Ship, departed from *Padras*, in *Turky*, loaden with Corn, and bound for *Leghorn*. The Ship's Company was this *Coyle* the Prisoner at the Bar, *Larson* a *Dutchman*, *Richardson*, the Carpenter, and *Davison*, the Cook, 4 Mariners besides the Master. There was also Three Apprentices to the Master, then on board, *Philip Wallis*, *William Durrant*, and *William Metcalf*. The Day after the Ship sailed from *Padras*, about 2 in the Morning, the Apprentices, *Wallis* and *Durrant* were asleep; but being awak'd by the Shrieking and a great Noise upon Deck, there they saw their Master, in the Fore Shrouds of the Ship, endeavouring to avoid the threatning Danger, and begging his Life. The Prisoner endeavour'd to shoot him down with a Blunderbuss, but it miss'd firing, and he jump'd down; then the Prisoner and 2 others took hold of the Captain to throw him over-board into the Sea, but he holding by the Lanniards to save himself from falling,

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the Priſoner took up a Hen-coop Trough, and ſtruck him with it, in order to beat him off, but the Captain ſtill holding faſt, *Richardſon* the Carpenter, ſtruck him ſeveral Blows on the Head with a Broad Axe, which beat him into the Sea, and he was drowned.

The Priſoner at the Bar, after the Captain was murder'd, took upon him the Command of the Ship, and wanting freſh Proviſion, about 15 Days afterwards they came to *Foviniano*, an Iſland belonging to the Crown of *Spain*, and there, tho' they were in great want, yet being ſenſible of their Guilt, they were afraid to go on ſhore, but ſent Meſſages aſhore to and fro in the Night; and one Night while the reſt were aſleep, the Apprentices took an Opportunity of getting aſhore, and gave Information to the Magiſtrates, of the Fact which had been committed: The Crew remaining on Board, finding the Boys were gone aſhore, thought it beſt for them to run away; ſo they all quitted the Ship, and ſhifted from Place to Place, till at laſt the Priſoner was taken at *Tunis*, and brought hither, the reſt as yet eſcaping.------The Facts being fully prov'd, by the Evidence of the 3 Apprentices, the Jury brought him in Guilty. Death.

Edward Johnſon, *Nicholas Williams*, *Lawrence Senett*, *Nicholas Wolfe*, *Pierce Butler*, and *John Bryan*, alias *O Bryan*, Priſoners at the Bar, were try'd for the Murder of *Benj. Hawes*, Maſter of the *Dove*, Brigantine: This was an *Engliſh* Veſſel, which ſail'd from *Harwich*, in the Year 1730, on trading Voyages, towards the *Mediterranean*, and other Parts. The Nature of theſe trading Voyages are ſuch, that when the Mariners have made a Port of Delivery, they claim being paid their Wages, and their Diſcharge: This Cuſtom laid the Captain under a Neceſſity ſeveral Times, to change his Crew; and at the Time the Fact charged againſt the Priſoners was committed, there was no Perſon on board beſide themſelves, except one *Walker*, the Captain's Apprentice. In *June* 1736, the Ship was at *Marſeilles*, and there the Priſoner *Williams*, was ſhipp'd as Captain's Mate. From thence they proceeded to *Leghorn*. There *Johnſon*, and *Derrick* a *Dutchman*, were hired as Foremaſt Men, and one *O Mara*, came on Board as a Paſſenger: *Bryan*, *Wolfe*, and *Butler*, came on board unknown to the Captain, who having taken in his Cargo, (which conſiſted of Sugar, Tobacco, and other Goods, conſigned to *Meſſina* and *Ancona*,) the Captain came on board the 7th of *September*, 1736, about 9 or 10 at Night, in order for ſailing; but there being no Wind, he retired to reſt in his Cabbin, leaving Orders with *Williams*, his Mate, to heave Anchor as ſoon as the Wind ſerv'd. In leſs than an Hour after his Retirement, the Boy *Walker*, his Apprentice, (who had been on board the Ship from the Time of her firſt ſetting out) heard Groans and Shrieks, as of a dying Man, and immediately ſaw the Priſoner *Johnſon*, comming up the Companion Ladder, with a bloody Knife in his Hand. The Boy being aſtoniſh'd, ask'd *Williams* about the Noiſe, and enquired what was the Matter. At this Time he found *Johnſon*, *Senett*, and the *Dutchman*, at the Windlace, weighing Anchor. The Boy was ſurpriz'd at it, and ask'd why they heav'd Anchor, when there was no Wind ſtirring; but finding them reſolv'd to ſail, he went down to the Captain's Cabbin, for his Shoes: He found the Cabbin-Door open, and the Captain Half on and Half off the Bed, bloody, and mortally wounded, being ſtuck quite thro' his Body, and thro' his Back, and there lay dead. He went immediately to the Mate, and told him the Captain was kill'd; that he ſaw *Johnſon* come up the Ladder, with a bloody Knife; that he had committed the Murder, and therefore he deſired the Mate (*Williams*,) to have him laſh'd to the Ring-bolts; but *Williams*, inſtead of doing it, went to *Johnſon*, and talk'd to him; upon which *Johnſon* ſeiz'd the Boy, and would have killed him too, had he not by ſtruggling, clear'd himſelf, and jump'd over-board into the Sea.

The Boy was no ſooner in the Sea, but they mann'd a Boat, and row'd after him, to catch him, and prevent his diſcovering the Murder; but in vain, for the Boy ſwimming well, he got to a Ship's Side, that lay in the Mole at *Leghorn*, where they took him in, and he diſcovered the Murder. Upon which ſeveral Boats from the Merchant Ships lying there, were mann'd out, and they ſeiz'd the Priſoners on Board. *Derrick*, the *Dutch* Man, was taken among them; but he dy'd on his Paſſage. When the Company in theſe Boats boarded the Ship, they found the Captain dead, and there were Diſputes among the Priſoners; *Williams* ſaid it ſignified nothing to deny the Murder, for *Johnſon* had done it. *Senett*, *Johnſon*, and *Butler*, had hid themſelves in the Hold of the Ship, under ſome Hides. This was a concerted Matter, to kill the Captain, in order to ſecure the Ship, to themſelves.

The Facts were fully proved, by the Evidence of *Walker*, *Omara*, and others, who boarded the Ship, and took them Priſoners; and the Jury brought in *Edward Johnſon* and *Nicholas Williams*, guilty of wilful Murder.

Senett, *Wolf*, *Butler*, and *Bryan*, were acquitted. But *Johnſon*, *Williams*, and *Senett*, being again try'd, on an Indictment for Piracy, they were all Three found Guilty. The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to Judgment; and accordingly *Richard Coyle*, *Edward Johnſon*, *Nicholas Williams*, and *Lawrence Senet*, receiv'd Sentence of Death. We hear they are all Four to be Executed, on *Monday* 14th of *March*, at *Execution-Dock*, and are afterwards to be hung in Chains, on the *Thames*.

Capt. *John Tute* of this Colony, has lately received a Letter, from a Correſpondent in *London*, who gives this further Account of *Williams*, above mentioned: *That he was once Mate of the Ship* Joſeph, *Capt.* Atkinſon, *(of which Capt.* Tute *is a Part Owner,) and while they were at* Marſeilles, *this* Williams, *one Day when the Captain was aſhore, broke open the Arms-Cheſt, took out a Brace of Piſtols, and loaded them with Ball; the Captain coming on Board ſooner than was expected, had a Hint given him by his Boy, of what had been done; whereupon the Captain looking about in the Cabbin, ſeeing the Cheſt open, and finding the Piſtols, which in the Hurry were laid down careleſsly in View, called for the Mate, and ask'd him, who had broke open the Cheſt, and to what Purpoſe the Piſtols were ſo charg'd? The Mate a little ſurprized at the Diſcovery, confeſs'd he did; and that he loaded them to ſhoot Gulls. This was very improbable, they being unfit for that Purpoſe; and no doubt occaſioned ſome Words and Jealouſy; for the Captain diſcharg'd him ſoon after: And well it was, for the Captain; for* Williams *has been heard to ſay ſince, that thoſe Piſtols were loaded to kill Capt.* Atkinſon, *and then go away with the Ship, by reaſon ſhe was a charming good Sailor, and fit for the Buſineſs which he intended her; which any One may gueſs at. This* Williams, *ſoon after he was diſcharged from Captain* Atkinſon, *got to be Mate of the* Dove, *Capt.* Hawes; *and there enter'd into the wicked Combination before related.*

Enter'd in York-*River, ſince our laſt.*

The Ship Braxton, Thomas Danſey, *from* London, *with ſundry European Goods.*

The Ship Somerſet, ----- Sanders, *from* Briſtol, *but laſt from* Barbadoes, *with Rum, Sugar, and Melaſſes.*

THIS is to give Notice, That on the North *Side of* James *River, near the Uppermoſt Landing, and a little below the Falls, is lately laid off by Major* Mayo, *a Town, called* Richmond, *with Streets 65 Feet wide, in a pleaſant and healthy Situation, and well ſupply'd with Springs of good Water. It lies near the Publick Warehouſe at* Shoccoe's, *and in the midſt of great Quantities of Grain, and all kind of Proviſions. The Lots will be granted in Fee-Simple, on Condition only of building a Houſe in Three Years Time, of 24 by 16 Feet, fronting within 5 Feet of the Street. The Lots to be rated according to the Convenience of their Situation, and to be ſold, by me,*

William Byrd.

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